



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Lahontan Region

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### ***MEETING AGENDA***

### ***NOVEMBER 12 AND 13, 2003***

Palmdale Water District  
2029 East Ave. Q  
Palmdale, CA

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2003 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday, November 13, 2003 – 8:30 a.m. (if necessary)**

**Note: A quorum of the Regional Board will be dining on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, 5:00 p.m. at Tokyo Japanese Steak House, 2106 E. Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, CA**

#### **BOARD MEETING / TOUR**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2003 – 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**The Regional Board will be touring the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant and portions of land owned by Los Angeles Airport where effluent is being land applied and used for irrigation of crops. This tour will be part of the hearing noticed as Item No. 6 in this agenda announcement.**

The tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Palmdale Water District, 2029 East Ave. Q, Palmdale, CA. The tour will conclude by approximately 4:00 p.m. The public is invited to join the Regional Board for the tour. Please call the Regional Board at (760) 241-6583 for directions. It is not necessary to make a reservation to attend the tour.

The meeting room is accessible to people with disabilities. If you have special accommodations or language needs, please contact Ms. Pam Walker at (530) 542-5406 or [Pwalker@rb6s.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:Pwalker@rb6s.swrcb.ca.gov) by November 4, 2003. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

The following items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order. Public hearings will not be called to order prior to the time specified. All Board files, exhibits and agenda material pertaining to items on this agenda are hereby made a part of the record for the appropriate item. If, due to time constraints, the Regional Board is unable to consider all of the items scheduled for Wednesday, the item(s) not heard will be considered on Thursday, November 13, 2003 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

#### **California Environmental Protection Agency**

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>

Recycled Paper



Anyone wishing to present a Microsoft PowerPoint® presentation during the meeting, using the Regional Board's projector, must provide the presentation to the Board on either a CD or via email at least three working days prior to the meeting. Please contact the staff person listed for the agenda item of interest.

**....NOTICE....**

**Submittal of Written Material for Regional Board Consideration**

**In order to ensure that the Regional Board has the opportunity to fully study and consider written material, it is necessary to submit it at least ten (10) days before the meeting. This will allow distribution of material to the Board Members in advance of the meeting. Pursuant to Title 23 California Code of Regulations Section 648.4, the Regional Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would otherwise create a hardship. If any other party demonstrates prejudice resulting from admission of the written testimony, the Regional Board may refuse to admit it.**

**A copy of the procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq., and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 11500 et seq.**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2003 –7:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call and Introductions**

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

Any member of the public may address the Regional Board relating to any matter within the Board's jurisdiction. This shall not be related to any item on the agenda and presentations should normally be limited to five minutes. No formal action by the Board will be taken on these matters.

**2. MINUTES**

Minutes of the Regular Meetings of September 10, 2003 in Apple Valley, CA and October 8, 2003 in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

**3. ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

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**REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

- \*4. **Fort Irwin National Training Center (NTC); Wastewater Treatment Facility**  
San Bernardino County (6-93-42) Jehiel Cass
- \*5. **Molycorp, Inc., Mountain Pass Mine and Mill Site; North Tailings Pond (P-16) Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance**, San Bernardino County (6-00-101) (Curt Shifrer)

**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

- 6. **Public Hearing - Consideration of a Cleanup and Abatement Order Requiring Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 and the City of Los Angeles World Airports Palmdale Water Reclamation Plant to Clean Up and Abate Waste Discharges of Nitrate to the Ground Waters of the Antelope Hydrologic Unit**, Los Angeles County (Ted Saari)  
(The Board will be conducting a tour of these facilities on the afternoon of November 12, 2003 [see description of tour on the first page of this announcement]. The record for this hearing will include all presentations and discussions which occur during the tour.)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- \*7. **Resolution Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Fort Irwin National Training Center (NTC); Wastewater Treatment Facility Tertiary Upgrade and Recycled Water Distribution System**, San Bernardino County (Jehiel Cass)
- 8. **Executive Officer's Report** (Harold Singer)
  - **Discussion of Standing Items**
  - **Notification of Spills (Pursuant to Section 13271, California Water Code and Section 25180.7, California Health and Safety Code)**
  - **Notification of Closure of Underground Storage Tank Cases (Pursuant to Article 11, Division 3, Chapter 16, Title 23, California Code of Regulations)**
  - **Violations Report**
- 9. **Reports by Chair and Board Members** (Board members may discuss communications, correspondence, or other items of general interest relating to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. The Board may provide direction to staff; however, there will be no voting or formal action taken.)

\* See Item No. 3

10. **CLOSED SESSIONS\*\***

- a. **Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(I).**
- b. **Discussion of Significant Exposure to Litigation, Leviathan Mine, Alpine County. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B)(I).**
- c. **Discussion to Decide Whether to Initiate Litigation. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(c)(I).**
- d. **Deliberation on a Decision to be Reached Based upon Evidence Introduced in a Hearing. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(c)(3).**
- e. **Discussion of Pending Litigation, Molycorp, San Bernardino County. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(c)(I).**
- f. **Discussion of Litigation: Sarbjit Singh Kang, et. al, v. State of California, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, El Dorado County Superior Court No. PC20000261; Azad Amiri and Sarbjit Singh Kang, v. State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, El Dorado County Superior Court No. SC20000114; and Azad Amiri, Mohan Singh, and Sohan Singh v. State of California, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, Placer County Superior Court No. SCV10061. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- g. **Discussion of Litigation Filed by the State of California and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region Against Philip and Mary Myers, Mono County Superior Court, Case No. 12534. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- h. **Discussion of Litigation: People of the State of California and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, v. Squaw Valley Ski Corporation, et al., Placer County Superior Court Case No. SCV 12916. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- i. **Discussion of Litigation: Squaw Valley Development Company et al. v. Harold Singer et al., United States District Court, Eastern District, Case No. CIV. S-01-2031 WBS/GGH. Notice of Appeal Filed by Squaw Valley Development Company et al. on November 27, 2002. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**

\*\* At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to deliberate on a decision to be reached based upon evidence introduced in the hearing. Discussion of litigation is within the attorney-client privilege and may be held in closed session. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a), (c)(3) and (e).

- j. **Discussion of Litigation: Squaw Valley Development Co., v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, El Dorado County Superior Court. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- k. **Discussion of Personnel Matters. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(a).**
- l. **Discussion of Litigation: Thomas E. Erickson v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, El Dorado County Superior Court Case No. SC-20000244. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- m. **Discussion of Litigation Filed by the State of California and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region v. Thomas E. Erickson and Samina Naz, El Dorado County Superior Court, Case No. SC20010089. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- n. **Discussion of Litigation Filed by Thomas E. Erickson, Individually and as Trustee of the Thomas E. Erickson Living Trust dated July 14, 1992 v. Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, El Dorado County Superior Court, Case No. SC20020233. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- o. **Discussion of Litigation filed by the State of California and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, v. Glen R. Hammond and Limited Partners, Kern County Superior Court Case No. 235695. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- p. **Discussion of Litigation: People of the State of California ex rel. California Regional Water Quality Board, Lahontan Region, v. Gregory A. Babb and Heather Babb; Gregory A. Babb and Heather Babb v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board et al., Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 02AS02311. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- q. **Discussion of Litigation: Squaw Valley Ski Corporation et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board et al., Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 01CS01189. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**
- r. **Discussion of Litigation: People of the State of California ex rel. California Regional Water Quality Board, Lahontan Region, v. Oliver Crose, Ross Sessions, Sessions Tank Liners Inc., Apex Envirotech, Inc., and does 1-20 inclusive Complaint for injunctive and recovery of costs. Nevada County Superior Court Case No. T03-0694C. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e).**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Any party aggrieved by a certain decision of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Regional Board), may petition the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) to review the decision. The petition must be received by the State Board within 30 days of the Regional Board's meeting at which the action was taken. Copies of the law and regulation applicable to filing petitions will be provided upon request.

**Note:** 1. A listing of pending applications for Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act may be obtained by calling:

For the North Lahontan Basin, Scott Ferguson in South Lake Tahoe at (530) 542-5432

For the South Lahontan Basin, Hisam Baqai in Victorville at (760) 241-7325

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, has a home page that can be accessed on the Internet, at: <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb6>

The Regional Board will be considering many items during this meeting which may result in Regional Board action or direction to staff. We encourage input from all people interested in a given item or issue, so that when we act, our decision is based on all available information. Although an oath is not administered in most of the proceedings before this Board, **we expect all statements made before this Board to be truthful with no attempts to mislead this Board by false statements, deceptive presentation or failure to include essential information.**

The Regional Board encourages all people in or near a Board meeting to refrain from engaging in inappropriate conduct. Inappropriate conduct may include disorderly, contemptuous or insolent behavior, breach of peace, boisterous conduct, violent disturbance or other unlawful interference in the Board's proceedings. Such conduct could subject you to contempt sanctions by the superior court (Govt C Sec 11455.10).

The Regional Board Chairperson may impose sanctions, including reasonable expenses and attorney's fees, on any party for bad faith actions, frivolous tactics or actions intended to cause unnecessary delay by a party or the party's attorney or representative (Govt C Sec 11455.30).

# CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

## LAHONTAN REGION

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 Branch Office: 15428 Civic Drive, Ste. 100, Victorville, CA 92392-2359 (760) 241-6583

### REGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

| Name                    | Location of Residence or Business | Appointment Category    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| William Betterley       | Apple Valley                      | Irrigated Agriculture   |
| John Brissenden         | Hope Valley                       | Water Quality           |
| Jack Clarke             | Apple Valley                      | Water Supply            |
| Eugene Nebeker, Chair   | Lancaster                         | Industrial Water Use    |
| Claudette Roberts       | Lake Elizabeth                    | Municipal Government    |
| Eric Sandel, Vice Chair | Truckee                           | Water Quality           |
| Amy L. Horne            | Truckee                           | Rec., Fish and Wildlife |
| Vacant                  |                                   | County Government       |
| Vacant                  |                                   | Undesignated (Public)   |

### REGIONAL BOARD STAFF

|                                       |  |  |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Harold J. Singer<br>Executive Officer | Robert Dodds<br>Asst. Executive Officer<br>and Ombudsman | Steven H. Blum<br>Counsel to the Board | Pam Walker<br>Administrative Officer |
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South Lake Tahoe Office: Chuck Curtis, Manager, Planning and Toxics Division  
 Chris Stetler, Chief, Leviathan Mine Unit  
 Bud Amorfini, Chief, TMDL Unit  
 Richard Booth, Lead, UST Unit

Lauri Kemper, Manager, North Lahontan Watershed Division  
 Scott Ferguson, Chief, Truckee River Watersheds Unit  
 Alan Miller, Chief, North Lahontan Rural Watersheds Unit  
 Doug Smith, Chief, Lake Tahoe Watersheds Unit

Victorville Office: Hisam Baqai, Manager, South Lahontan Watershed Division  
 Cindi Mitton, Chief, Mono/Owens Watersheds Unit  
 Mike Plaziak, Chief, Mojave Desert Unit

The primary responsibility of the Regional Board is to protect the quality of the surface and groundwater within the Region for beneficial uses. The duty is carried out by formulating and adopting water quality plans for specific ground or surface water bodies; by prescribing and enforcing requirements on domestic and industrial waste dischargers, and by requiring cleanup of water contamination and pollution. Specific responsibilities and procedures of the Board are outlined in the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Regular meetings of the Board are normally held on the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month. Meeting locations vary but generally alternate between the north and south basins of the region.

The purpose of the monthly meeting is to provide the Board with testimony and information from concerned and affected parties and make decisions after considering the evidence presented. A public forum is held at each regular meeting where any person may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdiction of the Board, but may not be related to any item on the agenda.

The Board welcomes information on pertinent problems, but comments at the meeting should be brief and directed to specifics of the case to enable the Board to take appropriate action. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only a summary of pertinent points presented verbally. Written material should be submitted no later than the Monday, ten days prior to the Board meeting.

Tape recordings are made of each Board meeting and these tapes are retained in the Board's office for two years. Anyone desiring copies of these tapes may, at their own expense, arrange to have duplicate tapes made by contacting the Board at (530) 542-5414.

NOTES

A. SEQUENCE OF AGENDA ITEMS

The items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in this order.

B. AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA MATERIAL

Details concerning these agenda items are available for public reference during working hours at the Board's offices. Copies of individual agenda items may be obtained at the Board's offices after 8:00 a.m. on the Monday, ten days preceding the Board meeting. The staff will assist in answering questions.

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E. HEARING RECORD EXHIBITS

Material presented to the Board as part of the testimony that is to be made part of the record must be left with the Board. This includes photographs, slides, chart, diagrams, etc.

F. CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

All persons who actively support or oppose the adoption of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit before the Regional Board must submit a statement to the Board disclosing any contributions of \$250 or more to be used in a federal, state, or local election, made by the action supporter or opponent, or his or her agent, within the last 12 months to any Regional Board member. All permit applicants and all persons who actively support or oppose adoption of a set of waste discharge requirements or an NPDES permit pending before the Regional Board are prohibited from making a contribution of \$250 or more to any Board member for three months following a Regional Board decision on the permit application.

G. ADDITIONAL CLOSED SESSION

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